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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant hereby petitions for a one month extension of time to reply to the Office Action of August 13, 2003. A fee of \$110.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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